

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the New Westminster branch of the Y.M.C.A. gave their fan drill entertainment, last Wednesday night. The stage for the occasion was tastefully set, flowers and curtains doing much to enhance its appearance. The fan drill portion of the concert was a unique display and quite a novelty in every feature. The ladies who took part were all dressed in perfect harmony, while gentlemen appeared in blue and brown suits and top silk hats. The motions and exercises were very original, but exceedingly pretty, the fluttering and handling of the fans being in keeping with the music and actions. Master Gunner Cornish, in uniform, conducted the drill. Tableaux were also given and were very pretty, an effect being obtained through colored lights being burned in the wings of the stage.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held a most successful sale of work on Wednesday afternoon in the lecture-room of the church. There were three tables well covered with the handiwork of the fair sex. In the evening the tables were placed so that a social evening could be spent, and the following programme was rendered and light refreshments served:—Piano duet, Misses Twiss; vocal solo, Mrs. Temple; recitation, Wm. Allan; vocal solo, Miss Hutcheson; piano solo, Miss Leech; vocal solo, Mrs. A. Carmichael; reading, Miss Gordon; vocal duet, Misses Twiss; recitation, William Allan; solo, Miss Jamieson; and piano solo, Miss Leech.

Miss E. J. Gray, who has been connected with the Rescue Home of the Salvation Army for the past six months, and for the past three months has been doing an officer's duty together with Sergt. Redgrave, left last week for Vancouver. The success which has attended her efforts exceeded by far her dearest hopes. Sergt. Redgrave and Miss Gray were the first soldiers of the Rescue Home to visit the women in the slums of Chinatown, and it was mainly due their untiring efforts and indomitable pluck that this portion of our fair city was rid of these unfortunate women.

The School Trustees have awarded the contract for the erection of a platform to seat the children during the closing exercises of the Central School, which will accommodate 1,000 pupils. Ample seating facilities will also be provided for the parents of the scholars and friends of the school. The exercises promise to be unusually fine, and no doubt will be largely attended.

The Calvary Baptist church was the scene, last Wednesday evening, of a strawberry festival and concert. A programme also was given by the following: Church choir, two selections; vocal duet, by Miss Steele and Miss Clyde; recitation, by Master Earle Clarke; violin solo, by Mr. Carter; songs by Miss Barbara Mold and Master Medland.

On the 25th inst., at Nanaimo, Mr. Turner Townsend, conductor on the E. & N. Railway, and Miss Francis Lee will be united in the bonds of matrimony. An evening reception will be held at the residence of Mrs. Townsend, 12 Rae street, to welcome home the bridal couple.

Mr. Frank Parks was married on Wednesday morning to Miss F. Ganner, daughter of Ald. Ganner, Nanaimo. The happy couple left for the Sound to spend their honeymoon.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church held a strawberry festival in the school room on Blanchard street, last evening. An interesting programme was rendered.

H. M. Cowper, who has been paying a visit to his friends in England, returned home on Wednesday last, feeling much the better for his journey.

Miss Kate MacGregor, of the Conservatory of Music, left by the Umatilla, Friday, for San Francisco, where she will spend her holidays.

The Warspite band will play at the charity bazaar to be held in Assembly hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Mr. Wellington Miller and Miss Mary Cross, of New Westminster, were married last Wednesday night.

Mrs. and Miss Baxter were passengers to the Mainland on the steamer Yosemite, Friday morning.

Picnic parties to the Gorge are being held almost every evening by the young people.

Mrs. Tiedeman, Miss N. Wait and Miss C. N. Barber left Friday morning for California.

Sir T. C. Alcock arrived in the city by the Yosemite, last Thursday evening.

Mr. G. H. Walker, prothonotary of Winnipeg, was in the city this week.

Thomas and Mrs. Glabolin have returned from San Francisco.

Miss J. A. McLeod is suffering from typhoid fever.

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